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Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Hospital Emergency Room Services Exceeding 24 Hours

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

Physicians, providers, and suppliers who submit hospital emergency room claims paid under the OPPS to Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs)

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is April 3, 2006.
- The implementation date is April 3, 2006.
- MM4252, based on CR4252, informs OPPS hospitals about proper billing requirements of emergency room services exceeding 24 hours.
- This policy can be found in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 4, Part B Hospital (Including Inpatient Hospital Part B and OPPS, Section 180, Accurate Reporting of Surgical/Medical Procedures and Services).
- This section is attached to CR4252.
- Hospital OPPS claims submitted for emergency room services should be billed in the following manner:
 - The emergency room is identified with revenue code 045x.
 - The service date is the date the service was provided in the emergency room.
 - If the patient was in the emergency room after midnight, only one service date should be entered, i.e., the date the patient entered the emergency room.
 - Service units should be one.

Important Links

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4252.pdf

The official instruction issued to your Medicare FI regarding this change may be found by going to http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R881CP.pdf on the CMS web site.